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Date: 1/22/2015 3:25:38 PM  
Subject: RE: Followup RE: Blacktail Creek Brine Spill

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Got a very thorough response from Steve Merritt, for which I've thanked him.

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Hey Bob,  
Laura is working on this and you should be hearing from either her or Steve Way on your inquiry directly.  
Thanks,  
Kathie

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**From:** Robert Stewart [mailto:[robert\\_f\\_stewart@ios.doi.gov](mailto:robert_f_stewart@ios.doi.gov)]  
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**To:** Atencio, Kathie  
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I didn't copy you initially, but perhaps you can help run this to ground for me.

Thanks.

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**Cc:** R8 RRC  
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I don't know about yours, but my HQ is all over me about what (if anything) EPA is doing about this incident.

In addition to the pallid sturgeon, there a potential impacts to least tern and piping plover, and obvious long-term impacts to migratory bird habitat.

I would greatly appreciate a call or email from someone at your earliest convenience.

Thanks.

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National media coverage. Most recent NRC report also attached.

Is there enough hydrocarbon (oil) in the water to trigger EPA jurisdiction (and response)? Please advise at your earliest convenience.

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